

April 1977

CONVENTION: The FRIENDS OF OLD RADIO (FOR) and Hello Again are presenting their second annual convention on October 1st at the Holiday Inn in Meriden, Conn right off I-91. Guests are being lined up now. One positive response so far is from Mandel Kramer (Counterspy, Yours Truly Johnny Dollar and many others)...The committee consists of Ed Corcoran, Julie and Larry DeSalvatore, Jay Hickerson, John Schlamp, Mel Shlank, Joe Webb, Stu Weiss, Carol and Bob Witte...Cost will again be \$13.00 a person which will include a buffet dinner...Last year the afternoon activities were downstairs. This time the entire proceedings will be held upstairs in their large ballroom which will be subdivided. There will be room for will over 32 display tables 150-200 seats for movies and afternoon activities, and over 200 for dinner...We expect again to present a live radio show using the guests' services...Please begin sending in checks now so we can better plan the convention. Make them out and send them to Jay Hickerson, Box C, Orange, Ct 06477. Let me know if you want display or dealer tables and how many. There will be NO extra charge for them...Suggestions, help or addresses of personalities in your area will be welcome...If you have any special talent related to radio such as imitations, let me know for the program. Tentatively, besides the panel discussion, we will have a name that theme and name that show contest with prizes...Please publicize this in newsletters, etc. Tell your friends...PLAN NOW. If we see an exceptionally large turnout we will have Holiday Inn expand their facilities for dinner...Each issue of Hello Again will keep you up to date.

COLLECTORS LIST: I will start typing the collectors list this week. It may take a while. Many of you sent so much info I will have to edit some of it. As of April 9th I received 170 responses.

SUSPENSE: Suspense, as many of you know, is one of my favorites. There were about 940 broadcasts, 155 of which were repeats. This leaves about 785 different shows. On the other hand, I am missing about 55. If you have sources too hard to get shows I need, please let me know and I will send you a list of the shows I need. I am missing 23 in 1951 alone.

DATES: Correct date for NELSON EMDY Coogan on Theatra show is 12/6/44. The correct date for THE CIRCLE with J Iturbi is 1/22/39.

IN FOND MEMORY: Bernardine Flynn Doherty, Mar 10; Played Sade in Vic and Sade...Hal Sawyer, Jan 9, 62; announcer. Also had his own show on ABC SAWYER VIEWS HOLLYWOOD...Theodore Lenz, Dec 26, 62; with NBC; hosted TED LENZ MIDNIGHT SPECIAL...Wolf Schmidt, Jan 17, 64; Produced and directed FAMILY REBESELBACH, one of most popular Germain series...Ted Lloyd, Feb 6, 61; manager and producer of radio and TV shows...E Power Biggs, Mar 10, 71; well-known organist...Stella White, Mar 20, 65; worked for 20 years with WEAU in Evanston, Ill...Frank Mullen, Mar 13, 80; created NATIONAL FARM AND HOME HOUR in the 208s...Donald Gardiner, Mar 27, 61; newscaster...Elliott Jacoby, Mar 28, 75; conductor of orchestra on Rudy Vallee Hour from 1932-41...Walter McGinn, Mar 31, 40; character actor on stage and screen...

Raleigh Barker sent me many performers that I missed who died in 1976...Howard Baukhage, Feb 1; newscaster...Ethel Shutta, Feb 5; singer on early Jack Benny programs...Eddie Dowling, Feb 18; one host of We the People...Fuzzy Knight, Feb 23; with Ben Bernie...Hol-



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lace Shaw, Mar 3; with Phil Spitalny...Maxie Rosenblom, Mar 6; comedian...Ruth McDevitt, May 27; on JOYCE JORDAN...Jay Jostyn, Jul 24; star of MR DISTRICT ATTORNEY, FOREIGN ASSIGNMENT, HILLTOP HOUSE, LIFE OF MARY SOTHERN, MOON RIVER, others...Roy Maypole, Jul 4; writer...Jess Kirkpatrick, Aug 9; on FIBBER MCGEE...Warner Anderson, Aug 26; on TERRY & THE PIRATES...Billy Halop, Nov 9; starred in BOBBY BENSON...Nino Martini, Dec 10; singer.....I would like to thank Ray Stanich, Paul Groy, Raleigh, and others who keep me informed of the untimely passing of our radio friends.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED: I receive many pubs during a month. If you want yours mentioned, especially highlighting articles I will be happy to...If you enjoy reading about the entertainers of yesterday subscribe to THE WORLD OF YESTERDAY, a magazine devoted to movies, radio, old records and nostalgia. \$1.00 for a sample. Write to Dept HS, 13759 60th St No, Clearwater, Fla 33520. It is written by Linda and Ron Downey and is \$5.00 a year for 5 issues...Airwaves; monthly; \$6.00 a year; Write Jerry Chapman, 438 W Neptune, NIU, DeKalb, Ill 60015. March issue features interview with Warren Somerville and second part of article on Sherlock Holmes.

BOOKS, PLACES: 3 more books: The Old-Time Radio Book; edited by Ted Sennett, Pyramid Pub; 1976; articles, quizzes, photos... From Ma Perkins to Mary Hartman by Robert La Guardia; Ballantine Books; \$1.95; 400 page paperback, just written; about all of radio and TV series in great detail and carefully dated...Lamparski's Whatever Became Of-first giant annual; Bantam Book; \$1.95; 1976; All new people not included in his first 5 books.....The National Broadcasters Hall of Fame, 19 West Main St, Freehold, NJ 07728 will open to the public on May first. It will be open Tues through Sunday from 10-5. The induction ceremony will be April 24th. I will be attending that and will report on it in May's issue. Art Schreiber is the organizer of it.

CATALOGS: Ron Barnett, EUR RGN-Club Mgmt Dir, Apo NY 09090; supplement #1. excellently written. Wants to trade with serious collectors; have VG-EXC sound material.

LOGS: Send me a 3ASE and 10¢ for a copy of Ray Stanich's list of logs he has available. All his logs are 18¢ a page which includes postage. His latest is a one-page TV Hopalong Cassidy log. Ray's address is 173 Columbia Hts, Brooklyn, NY 11201...Raleigh Barker has researched World Bibliography of Sherlock Holmes by Ronald Bert DeWaal and Public Life of Sherlock Holmes by Michael Pointer and has a revised Sherlock Holmes Log from 1930-1955. For this one page detailed synopsis send me 10¢ plus a 3ASE.

PERSONALITIES: Many personalities are leaving their jobs. Stan Lomax, Henry Gladstone and Jean Shepherd, and John Wingate have all left WOR. Lomax was on WOR for 43 years, Gladstone 32, Shepherd 20 and Wingate 30 years...Goodman Ace was the subject of a detailed article by Mark Singer, grand-nephew of G Ace, in the April 4th issue of the New Yorker. Excellent reading...Dick Bertel, staff announcer and WTIC radio in Hartford for 20 years and co-host with Ed Corcoran for the Golden Days of Radio for 7 years is leaving the area. I know Dick personally and he was an excellent announcer and personality. He will be with the Voice of America in Washington DC, possibly with Bill Robson. Good Luck.

BLANK TAPE: Dick Mullins, 460 So York, Denver, Col 80209 can supply Ampex tape at very reasonable prices. Send him 3ASE for price



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Has anyone had any contact with Texas Radio Society lately (David or Marion Wedin). I have heard nothing.

MAILING: After hearing from Cort Parent and rechecking with the post office: Sending tapes from Canada to US: 36¢ for small packet. From US to Canada: 94¢ for one pound-small packet rate.. Less if under one pound. You don't have to send it first class, which is higher, and you can't send it special 4th class rate.

NEW ADDRESSES: Richard Kram, 306 Hamlin #3, Jefferson City, Mo 65101...Frank Lemanski, 189 Lewis Ave, Meriden, Ct 06450. Frank wants any info about Curley Bradley (Tom Mix)...Charlie Ingersoll, 315 1st A SE, Aitkin, MN 56431. Charlie, publisher of Radio Dial for so many years, is recently divorced, which is the main reason he had to stop the paper. Charlie is looking for any information about the Max Steiner Fan Club. I wish Charlie all the luck in the world. ..Karl Amundsen, 77 Glover St, Staten Isl, NY 10308.

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Ron Dean, 595 E Costella, Littleton, Col 80122...Ernest Rethschult, Box 8564, Parkville, Md 21234.

Old Friends: Craige Snader Jr, Apartado 12-655, Mexico 12, DF wants WE THE PEOPLE with Nelson London Ghost Show; and any copies of STANGE narrated by Walter Gibson on ABC in 1955...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario L1B 8K5 looking for complete run of network sponsored CBS IF THERE from Jul 7/47-Apr 25/48. Also YOU ARE THERE. Gerald Ruark, 3202 Busy Bee Ln, Indianapolis, Ind 46227 wants CHARLIE MCCARTHY SHOW 1/30/44; also a log for the series (I know of none)...Bill Blalock is no longer selling shows (Blalock Sound Library). It has been taken over by Don Och of San Jose, Cal. He will contact all of you. Bill is still trading for early radio programs (30's) and (20's)...Morgan Tiel, 64 Graham Pl, Teaneck, NJ 07666 has 2 offers: 1. a live 2 hour concert of Rudy Vallee with program and pictures. will trade for other R Vallee material. 2. a live 2-hour concert/lecture on villains by Vincent Price with color prints; taken this year; will trade. Morgan was able to meet R Vallee personally...Larry Prager, Box 19122, San Diego, Cal 92119 wants BBC mysteries especially John Creasey dramas...Jerry Perchesky, Box 444, Watsonville, Cal 95076 attended latest PPB lunch in Los Angeles; honored Gale Storm. Visited Ken Murray and has almost 2 hour interview. Write if you are interested. Also found 7 uncirculated NIGHTBEAT, one with Edmund O'Brien 5/19/49...Alan Dobrey, 10504-104th Ave, Fort St John, BC V1J 2L1 wants CHARLIE MCCARTHY SHOW in which he discusses with Edgar about being drummed out of Royal Order of Rat Sluggers; also the one about the Toy Train. Alan also is selling about 750 reels. Write if interested...Ray Nemec, 1631 Carol St, Downers Grove, Ill 60515 wants WDZ program guide from Edition E of Radio Guide from Oct 1939-Sep 1940...Ed Carr, 629 East Race St, Stowe, Pa 19464 has some good brand blank cassettes C-62 which he will trade 5 for one exc. sounding radio show...Tom Heathwood, 340 Parker St, Newton Center, Ma 02159 wants JOHNSON FAMILY and NBC 50th anniversary RADIO shows-all 5...Bill Sapis has his own radio show over WRVF in Gainesville, Fla...Does anyone know anything about Grebudian records...I recently received new SUSPENSE and GUNSMOKE...More Jack Benny surfacing. Still looking for correct dates for all the AFRS Benny...Come to the convention on the 1st.

Write if you get work; hang by your thumbs; Happy Easter/Passover

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